

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE ACT**

#### **Part 4 – Local Authority Executives, Members, Officers and Committees**

13. The provisions within Part 4 of the Act (including Schedules 5 to 7) require a principal council to appoint a chief executive and makes provision about their role. They enable the appointment of members of principal councils as assistants to the executive, facilitate job-sharing by executive members and provide for the making of regulations to facilitate the sharing of specific principal council offices.
14. **Part 4** also makes provision about the entitlement of members of principal councils to family absence; places a duty on leaders of political groups to take reasonable steps to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the members of the group; and makes provision for the publication and consideration of annual reports by standards committees.
15. **Schedule 8** makes provision about investigations by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales into alleged failures to comply with a local government member code of conduct.
16. Provision is also made within Part 4 about overview and scrutiny committees and the training of members and staff of community councils.